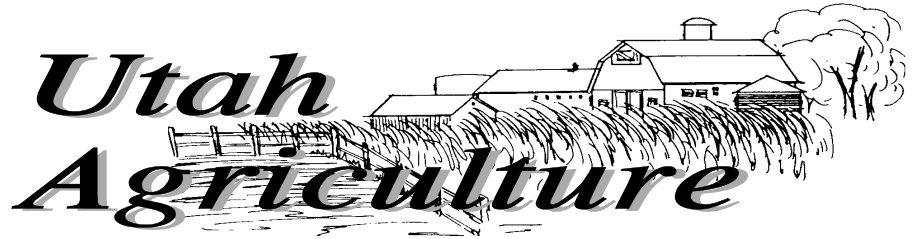




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HIGHLIGHTS:

U.S. Potato Stocks
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U. S. December Potato Stocks Up 1 Percent from Last Year

United States: The 15 major potato States held 272 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2004, up 1 percent from last year and 3 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 67 percent of the 2004 fall storage States' production, 1 percentage point above last year. Stocks by type were 3 percent red, 12 percent round white, 4 percent long white (Shepody), and 81 percent russets, with fewer reds and more long whites than a year ago.

Disappearance of 132 million cwt from the start of harvest to December 1, was down 3 percent from last year and 8 percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 16.8 million cwt, was up 12 percent from last year and 8 percent above the same date in 2002.

Processors used 70.7 million cwt of 2004 crop potatoes so far this season, down 2 percent from a year ago and 8 percent below two years ago. Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon, processing increased less than 1 percent, while Washington and the rest of Oregon processed 1 percent less of the 2004 crop than of the 2003 crop. Dehydrating usage accounts for 13.4 million cwt of the total processing, down 6 percent from last year and 15 percent below the same date in 2002.

Western States held 184 million cwt of potatoes in storage on December 1, up 3 percent from last year but 1 percent below two years ago. Idaho's potato stocks was up 9 percent from last year, California increased 19 percent, and Montana's storages held 10 percent more. Potato sheds in Washington and Colorado both stored 2 percent less than last year and Oregon sheds were down 6 percent.

Central States accounted for 68.2 million cwt of potato stocks on December 1, down 5 percent from last year but 11 percent above two years ago. Wisconsin potato sheds stored 5 percent less than last year, Minnesota and Michigan stocks both decreased 7 percent, Nebraska went down 11 percent, and Ohio's potato sheds stored 33 percent less. North Dakota's sheds are the only ones in the central States storing more potatoes than last year with an increase of 1 percent. Eastern States stored 19.1 million cwt of potatoes on December 1, up 6 percent from last year and 17 percent above two years ago. Maine's stocks are up 11 percent from last year, while New York stocks increased 7 percent. Pennsylvania's sheds decreased 37 percent from a year ago.

U.S. November Milk Production Up 1.2 Percent

Milk production in the 20 major States during November totaled 11.8 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from November 2003. October revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from October 2003. The October revision represented an increase of 0.1 percent or 9 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,526 pounds for November, 9 pounds above November 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 44,000 head more than November 2003, but unchanged from October 2004.

Dry Edible Beans: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by State and United States, 2002-2004¹

State	Area Harvested		Yield per Acre ²		Production ²		
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt
CA	75.0	65.0	1,840	2,000	1,762	1,380	1,300
CO	73.0	67.0	1,600	1,900	1,519	1,168	1,273
ID	73.0	78.0	2,050	2,100	1,907	1,497	1,638
KS	11.0	8.5	2,100	1,800	280	231	153
MI	165.0	185.0	1,500	1,700	4,903	2,475	3,145
MN	110.0	100.0	1,700	1,150	2,666	1,870	1,150
MT	12.8	12.8	1,820	2,130	367	233	272
NE	148.0	110.0	2,130	2,160	3,465	3,151	2,376
NM	10.0	6.0	1,860	2,600	153	186	156
NY	24.0	23.5	1,860	1,050	333	446	247
ND	520.0	475.0	1,500	1,000	10,626	7,800	4,750
OR	6.0	5.5	1,650	1,750	146	99	96
SD	7.5	8.9	1,770	1,840	261	133	164
TX	44.0	17.5	1,170	860	315	513	151
UT	5.2	4.8	310	300	5	16	14
WA	27.5	29.0	1,910	2,100	830	525	609
WI	5.9	4.9	2,100	2,200	150	124	108
WY	29.0	24.0	2,220	2,150	624	645	516
US	1,346.9	1,225.4	1,670	1,479	30,312	22,492	18,118

¹ Excludes beans grown for garden seed. ² Clean Basis

Dry Edible Beans

UTAH: Production of dry beans in Utah during 2004 was 14,000 hundredweight (cwt), down 2,000 cwt from last year. Utah dry bean growers harvested 4,800 acres in 2004, down 400 acres from 2003. Average yield of 300 pounds per acre is down 10 pounds per acre from last year.

UNITED STATES: Dry Beans: U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 18.1 million cwt for 2004, down 3 percent from the October forecast and 19 percent below last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.23 million acres, 2 percent below the last forecast and down 9 percent from 2003. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,479 pounds per acre, a decrease of 16 pounds from the October forecast and 191 pounds below a year ago. Production is below a year ago in 12 of the 18 producing States. Most notable is a 39 percent production decrease from last year in both Minnesota and North Dakota where an early frost in mid-August severely damaged the crop. Production is down from a year ago for large lima, baby lima, navy, great northern, pinto, light red kidney, dark red kidney, pink, and blackeye. Production increased from last year for small white, small red, cranberry, black, and small and large chickpeas.

Production in North Dakota is forecast at 4.75 million cwt, 39 percent below 2003. The average yield, at 1,000 pounds per acre, is down 500 pounds from last year and harvested acres decreased 9 percent. Yields were down because of the mid-August frost. Harvest was essentially complete by mid-November, a month behind average due to a late maturing crop.

In Nebraska, production is forecast at 2.38 million cwt, 25 percent below last year. Harvested acres, at 110,000, is 26 percent below 2003, while yield of 2,160 pounds per acre is 30 pounds above last season. If realized, this yield will be a record high. Irrigation water was adequate and growing conditions were good. Minnesota growers are expecting to produce 1.15 million cwt of dry beans, 39 percent below last year. The average yield, at 1,150 pounds per acre, is down 550 pounds from the previous year. Lower yields are due to frost and very wet conditions in northwest Minnesota. Production in California decreased 6 percent due to a decrease in harvested acres. Heavy rains in late October and early November delayed harvest and drove some operators to abandon some acres. Production in Texas is down 71 percent from last year, New York is down 45 percent, Kansas 34 percent, Wyoming 20 percent, and New Mexico 16 percent. Wisconsin is 13 percent below last year, Utah is 12 percent lower, and Oregon is down 3 percent from a year ago.

In Michigan, production is forecast at 3.15 million cwt, up 27 percent from the previous year. The average yield, at 1,700 pounds per acre, increased 200 pounds. Growing conditions were near optimal and harvest was completed ahead of normal. Idaho production is expected to be 9 percent above the previous year at 1.64 million cwt. Wet weather this fall delayed harvest for some farmers. Colorado production, at 1.27 million cwt, is an increase of 9 percent from 2003. Growing conditions in Colorado were good for irrigated acreages but dryland beans were stressed by lack of moisture. Production in South Dakota increased 23 percent, Montana 17 percent, and Washington 16 percent.

U.S. Turkey Eggs in Incubators & Poult Placement

Turkey eggs in incubators on December 1, 2004, in the United States totaled 27.7 million, 2 percent below December 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 2 percent below the November 1, 2004 total of 28.3 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 2 percent, West North Central up 1 percent, North and South Atlantic down 10 percent, South Central up 5 percent, and West up 6 percent.

during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 7 percent from the October 2004 total of 20.8 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 9 percent, West North Central up 2 percent, North and South Atlantic up 6 percent, South Central down 8 percent, and West down 2 percent.

The 22.2 million poult placed during November 2004 in the United States were up slightly from the number placed

Eggs in Incubators: First of Month by Region and United States, December 2004 with Comparisons

Geographic Division	Dec 1 2003	Nov 1 2004	Dec 1 2004	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
E N Central	4,674	*4,668	4,576	98	98
W N Central	10,995	*10,843	11,096	101	102
N & S Atlantic	8,556	8,541	7,677	90	90
S Central	2,315	*2,296	2,431	105	106
West	1,852	1,927	1,969	106	102
US	28,392	*28,275	27,749	98	98

Poults Placements: Entire Month by Region and United States, November 2004 with Comparisons ¹

Geographic Division	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
E N Central	3,448	3,009	3,144	91	104
W N Central	8,238	8,074	8,382	102	104
N & S Atlantic	6,922	6,743	7,344	106	109
S Central	1,983	1,649	1,827	92	111
West	1,564	1,331	1,535	98	115
US	22,155	20,806	22,232	100	107

*Revised.

¹Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

Regional Listing:

North Atlantic: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.

East North Central: IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.

West North Central: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD.

South Atlantic: DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV.

South Central: AL, AR, KY, LA, MS, OK, TN, TX.

West: AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

Manufactured Dairy Products

UTAH: **Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) in October 2004, at 5.23 million pounds, was down 20.9 percent from October 2003 but up 3.8 percent from September 2004. **Hard ice cream** production totaled 1.7 million gallons, up 1.3 percent from October 2003 but down 6.0 percent from September 2004.

UNITED STATES: **Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 746 million pounds, 0.8 percent above October 2003 and 4.2 percent above September 2004. **American type cheese** production totaled 311 million pounds, 2.0 percent above October 2003 and 5.4 percent above September 2004. **Butter** production was 103 million pounds in October, 6.4 percent above October 2003 and 11.8 percent above September 2004. **Hard ice cream** production at 68.5 million gallons, was down 1.9 percent from October 2003, and down 3.1 percent from September 2004.

Manufactured Dairy Production - October 2004 with Comparisons

Product	Utah			United States		
	Oct 2003	Sep ¹ 2004	Oct 2004	Oct 2003	Sep ¹ 2004	Oct 2004
1,000 Pounds						
Total Cheese	6,609	5,036	5,226	740,016	716,075	746,243
1,000 Gallons						
Hard ice cream	1,691	1,822	1,713	69,761	70,675	68,465

¹ Revised.